

Subject: Re: Bus Stop Changes for Spring/Main reconfiguration
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Hi Blair,
Thank you for compiling this for us and sharing your local knowledge! We will bring it to the table as the project design process moves forward. We are so lucky to have partners like you and Noah.
Valerie

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On Thu, Oct 20, 2016 at 3:45 PM, Blair Besten <blair@historiccore.bid> wrote:

Valerie,

Thank you for the meeting outlining some of the potential changes to the streets. Per our discussion, here is a wishlist of bus stop changes that I think would help the overall plan.

The following bus stops would be relocated:

515 S Spring (public safety issues: very unstable/collapsing sidewalk / passengers wait in exit ramp/blind spot at top for cars in underground parking garage)
557 S Spring (public safety issues: insufficient sidewalk space for volume of passengers + sidewalk dining + high volume of pedestrians)
653 S Spring (public safety issues: insufficient sidewalk space for volume of passengers + high volume of pedestrians)
211 W 5th (public need: high bike share station demand (impossible with current bus stop location) and public safety issues: emergency deployment of public safety officers + high volume of passengers blocking doorway)
315 W 5th (public safety issues: dealers posing as passengers + high nuisance activities/concentration of loitering/toilet/drug use/solicitations)

This is it for now. We have not done the research but I know that in some other larger cities they have moved bus stops from some areas due to congestion and based on need. In addition to volume and public safety, needs and convenience/proximity should also be taken into consideration. *There is no reason that passengers should have to commute by foot from their point of origin into higher density areas like Historic just to catch a bus elsewhere.*

Regards,



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